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SUBJECT: SOVEMBASSY PROTEST ABOUT JDL TELEGRAM

1. LATE MAY 3 SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER DELIVERED NOTE PROTESTING RECEIPT OF "TELEGRAM FROM SO-CALLED JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE WITH A THREAT OF THE KIDNAP OR MURDER OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS". NOTE DEMANDED THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN TO PROTECT SOVIET DIPLOMATS FROM HOSTILE ACTS, AND SPECIFICALLY FROM THREATS AND TERRORIST ACTS BY THE JDL.

2. WITH PROTEST NOTE SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER PROVIDED THE TELEGRAM, WHICH SAYS:

3. QUOTE PMS SOVIET EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036.

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MR. SECRETARY:

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH BOMBINGS WILL NOT STOP UNTIL SOVIET
JEWS ARE GRANTED FREE EMIGRATION. WE REQUEST URGENT
MEETING BEFORE SOVIET DIPLOMATS ARE KIDNAPPED OR KILLED.

JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE 1133 BROADWAY NEW YORK 10010 END
QUOTE

4. IN RECEIVING NOTE AND TELEGRAM DEPTOFF OBSERVED THAT
SAME TEXT WAS IN CABLE ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER
WHICH DEPARTMENT HAD JUST RECEIVED; SENDERS HAD EVIDENTLY
CABLED INFO COPY TO SOVIET EMBASSY ALSO.

5. SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER ASSERTED THAT, REGARDLESS OF
ADDRESSEE, CABLE WAS A CLEAR AND SPECIFIC THREAT TO
SOVIET DIPLOMATS. SOVIET EMBASSY TOOK IT SERIOUSLY AND
WAS REPORTING MATTER TO MOSCOW, WHERE, SOVIET EMBASSY
OFFICER SUGGESTED, THE THREAT WOULD BE TAKEN EVEN MORE
SERIOUSLY. SYSCO

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